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Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following instances of violations by Iraq of the terms of the ceasefire between the two countries.

1. On 3 November 1996, at 2230 hours, a number of anti-revolutionary elements supported by Iraq infiltrated into the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 7460020400 on the map of Helala. They fired at the post of the Iranian boundary police from 500 metres to the east of the northern Helala border sentry post, between border pillars 35/18 and 35/17. Upon the response of the Iranian boundary police, they fled back into Iraqi territory.

2. On 12 November 1996, at 0730 hours, a number of Iraqi forces aboard 11 light and heavy vehicles and 1 tank were deployed at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 3300058000, on the map of Naft-Shahr, south-west of border pillar 45/1.

3. On 12 November 1996, at 1020 hours, Iraqi forces deployed 350 soldiers around the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 3300058000, on the map of Naft-Shahr Jonoobi, west of border pillar 46. This deployment and replacement of troops lasted till 1200 hours on 13 November 1996, around the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 3310058500 and 38S NC 4400056700, on the map of Naft-Shahr Jonoobi, west of border pillars 45 and 45/1.

4. On 14 November 1996, at 1300 hours, a group of Iraqi forces entered no man's land and visited the Mandaria customs office at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4200004000, on the map of Khosravi. They left the area at 1350 hours.

5. On 15 November 1996, at 0730 hours, around 200 Iraqi troops, aboard several vehicles, conducted a military exercise at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 3500003000, on the map of Khosravi, around the Khaneghain silo.

6. On 15 November 1996, at 0900 hours, an Iranian dhow came under fire by Iraqi troops at the geographic coordinates of 39R TP 5000039000 on the map of

Khosro-abad, east of Koot-e-Zaer Moslem, opposite Khosro-abad in the Islamic Republic of Iran. One member of dhow's crew was injured.

7. On 15 November 1996, at 1725 hours, the Iraqi troops, stationed at the Mandaria sentry post located at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4200005000 on the map of Khosravi, in no man's land, installed a machine-gun on the rooftop of the post.

8. On 15 November 1996, seven Iraqi armed shepherds who had infiltrated into the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 4700072000 on the map of Sizdah were observed tending sheep.

9. On 17 November 1996, at 1310 hours, six Iraqi soldiers aboard a white patrol vehicle visited the area located at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 4100063000 on the map of Naft-Shahr, in no man's land and south of the Irãqi Waterwheel sentry post.

10. On 17 November 1996, two Iraqi cranes were observed working around the geographic coordinates of 38R QV 5500035000 on the map of Gharb-Jofeir-2, in no man's land, south of border pillar 14/A2.

11. On 18 November 1996, at 1000 hours, four Iraqi shepherds were observed tending sheep at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 4400054000 on the map of the area south of Naft-Shahr, south of border pillars 44/10 and 44/11.

12. On 18 November 1996, at 1030 hours, four Iraqi troops aboard a vehicle crossed into no man's land and entered the Iraqi Mandaria sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4200005000 on the map of Khosravi.

13. On 19 November 1996, six Iraqi vehicles were observed patrolling between the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 6760016700 on the map of Kani Sheikh, the Iraqi village of Mokhibar and the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 7120022200, west of border pillar 39 in no man's land.

14. On 19 November 1996, four Iraqi vehicles were observed patrolling between the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5449931600 on the map of Kani Sheikh, west of Havasi of Iraq and the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5590035400 on the map of Sumar, west of border pillar 40/3.

15. On 24 November 1996, at 1730 hours, Iraqi troops stationed at the Iraqi Mandaria sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4200005000 embarked on a defence-of-the-post exercise.

16. On 25 November 1996, a number of Iraqi vehicles were observed moving along the roads leading to the Shahabia and Abziadi sentry posts at the geographic coordinates of 38S PB 1200045000 on the map of the area south of Mehran and south of border pillars 27/9 and 27/10.

17. On 26 November 1996, at 1315 hours, four Iraqi officers visited the Iraqi Mandaria sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4200005000 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillar 53/2 in no man's land.

18. On 27 November 1996, 43 Iraqi motor boats, six dhows and tugboats carrying 12 individuals were observed patrolling in the Arvand Rud.

19. On 28 November 1996, at 0730 hours, an Iraqi excavating shaft was observed at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5100035000 on the map of Sumar, west of border pillar 40/3.

20. On 28 November 1996, Iraqi troops stationed at the Iraqi Mandaria sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4230005500, on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillar 53/2 in no man's land, embarked on a defence-of-the-post exercise.

21. On 28 November 1996, an Iraqi mechanical shovel was observed digging a canal around the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4100004100 on the map of Khosravi, south-east of border pillar 53/2.

22. On 29 November 1996, at 0900 hours, an Iraqi mechanical shovel was observed excavating around the geographic coordinates of 38S NB 9600066000 on the map of Mehran, west of Golabdara and border pillar 31.

23. On 29 November 1996, 135 Iraqi motor boats, 7 dhows and tugboats, carrying 350 individuals, were observed patrolling in the Arvand river.

24. On 30 November 1996, eight Iraqi boats, carrying 16 individuals, in the area west of Gharb-Jofeir at the geographic coordinates of 38R QV 5500044000 on the map of Gharb-Jofeir-2, north-west of border pillar 14/A3, opened fire at the Iranian boundary police positioned on the Ghamar-Banihashem road at the geographic coordinates of 38R QV 5900046000 on the map of Gharb-Jofeir-2, north-east of border pillar 14/A3. They fled the area after the response of the Iranian boundary police.

25. On 1 December 1996, at 1700 hours, four Iraqi forces aboard a vehicle entered the Iraqi Mandaria sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4200005000 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillar 53/2, in no man's land. After visiting the area for 40 minutes, they left for Mandali.

26. On 1 December 1996, an Iraqi vehicle carrying seven individuals was observed moving from the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5000036000 on the map of Sumar, west of border pillar 40/4, towards the geographic coordinates 38S NC 5200041000, west of Cheshma-Maggi and north-west of Miantang-Dara and border pillar 42.

27. On 1 December 1996, four Iraqi boats, carrying eight individuals, were observed at the geographic coordinates of 38R QV 5500049000 on the map of Gharb-Jofeir-2, south of border pillar 14/A5, in no man's land.

28. On 3 December 1996, at 1400 hours, five Iraqi shepherds were observed tending sheep at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 4000063000 on the map of Naft-Shahr, south-west of the Iraqi Waterwheel post, opposite Naft-Shahr in the Islamic Republic of Iran, in no man's land.

29. On 3 December 1996, three Iraqi vehicles carrying a number of Iraqi armed smugglers were observed moving around the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 6200027000 on the map of Ghasr-e-Shirin, north of Majid-Ghadir-Agha.

30. On 5 December 1996, at 0800 hours, 26 Iraqi troops were seen attending military training at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 3900012700 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillar 56/1, north-west of Darband-Joogh in the Islamic Republic of Iran between the Iraqi sentry posts of Al-Meghdad and Al-Hossein on the north and south respectively.

31. On 7 December 1996, 40 Iraqi motor boats and 14 tugboats, carrying 325 individuals, were observed patrolling in the Arvand Rud.

32. On 8 December 1996, at 0950 hours, two Iraqi armed shepherds were observed tending sheep at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 4510054400 on the map of Naft-Shahr Jonoobi, south of border pillar 44/9.

33. On 9 December 1996, seven Iraqi troops were seen digging embankment at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 4150009900 on the map of Khosravi, in no man's land, south of the Iraqi Al-Meghdad sentry post, north and south, respectively, of border pillars 54, 55, 55/1 and 55/2.

34. On 11 December 1996, at 1450 hours, an Iraqi motor boat, carrying four individuals intending to approach the coast of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Arvand Rud, retreated following the response of the Iranian border police.

35. On 12 December 1996, 65 Iraqi motor boats and 2 tugboats, carrying 150 individuals, were observed patrolling in the Arvand Rud.

36. On 13 December 1996, at 1500 hours, the Iranian border police intercepted a number of Iraqi elements who had infiltrated into Iranian territory at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 6800026000 on the map of Ghasr-e-Shirin, north-east of border pillar 60/3, in no man's land. The infiltrators fled back into Iraqi territory, leaving behind one Kalashnikov rifle.

37. On 13 December 1996, at 1515 hours, three high-ranking Iraqi officers aboard a jeep visited the Iraqi Al-Hossein sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4270015000, north of border pillar 57/5, in no man's land.

38. On 13 December 1996, Iranian maritime forces intercepted 15 Iraqi fishing dhows engaged in fishing in the territorial waters of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Ghassemia river, 5 kilometres north of the Ghamija sentry post. The dhows were heading towards the Iranian coast and were seized therein.

39. On 13 December 1996, Iraqi troops constructed an embankment at the geographic coordinates of 39R TP 1800074000 on the map of Khorramshahr, south of border pillar 1/9, in no man's land.

40. On 16 December 1996, 18 Iraqi vehicles, carrying 100 Iraqi troops, stopped at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 5420024500 on the map of Ghasr-e-Shirin, north of Pirooz-Khan in Iraq.

41. On 16 December 1996, 25 Iraqi vehicles armed with Dushka rifles were observed at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 6100027000 on the map of Ghasr-e-Shirin, north of Barar-Aziz and Majid-Ghadir-Agha.

42. On 17 December 1996, at 0958 hours, two Iraqi helicopters were observed flying, in the Iraqi airspace, towards Naft-Khaneh in Iraq at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 4900051000 on the map of Sumar, north-west of border pillar 44/5, in no man's land.

43. On 17 December 1996, at 1715 hours, Iraqi troops stationed at the Iraqi Mandaria sentry post at the geographical coordinates of 38S ND 4270005000 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillar 53/2, in no man's land, installed a Dushka rifle on the roof of the post.

44. On 18 December 1996, at 1055 hours, four Iraqi soldiers installed an air defence cannon at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 4220067700 on the map of Naft-Shahr, north of Naftkhaneh in Iraq. The cannon was moved from the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 4220067100 on the map of Naft-Shahr, west of Naftkhaneh in Iraq.

45. On 19 December 1996, at 2400 hours, an Iranian fishing motor boat was stolen by the Iraqis who had infiltrated into the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran around the geographic coordinates of 38R QV 5900052000 on the map of Gharb-Jofeir, south of border pillar 14/A5.

46. On 21 December 1996, at 1200 hours, Iraqi troops made a cleavage in the embankment located at the geographic coordinates 39R TP 210072800 on the map of Khorramshahr, opposite the Khaein river and border pillars 1 and 1/1, in no man's land.

47. On 27 December 1996, at 1430 hours, 11 Iraqi heavy engineering vehicles and trucks were observed constructing a road at the geographic coordinates of 38R QV 5200061000 on the map of the area south of Hoor Al-Hovaiza, to the north and south respectively of border pillars 14/A5 and 14B.

48. On 27 December 1996, at 1430 hours, an Iraqi loader, a bulldozer, a roller and eight trucks were observed constructing a road at the geographic coordinates of 38R QV 5500061000 on the map of the area south of Hoor Al-Hovaiza, north of border pillar 14/A5, in no man's land.

49. On 28 December 1996, at 1410 hours, five Iraqi trucks and a loader were observed excavating at the geographic coordinates of 38R QV 5500067000 on the map of the area south of Hoor Al-Hovaiza, south of border pillar 14/B, in no man's land.

50. On 29 December 1996, at 1200 hours, Iraqi troops constructed a base for 12 individuals around the geographic coordinates of 39R 1350013800 on the map of Hosseinia, to the north and south, respectively, of the border pillars, 7/20 and 7/21, in no man's land.

51. On 29 December 1996, at 1630 hours, a number of Iraqi armed smugglers crossed the border at the Ahangaran heights and opened fire at the Iranian

border police. As a result, an Iranian soldier stationed at the Iranian Tang-Hamam sentry post was injured. The Iraqi armed smugglers were then forced to flee back into Iraqi territory.

52. On 30 December 1996, at 0400 hours, two Iraqi motor boats opened fire at the Iranian border police based around Hoor Al-Hovaiza. They fled back into Iraqi territory when faced with the response of the Iranian border police.

53. On 30 December 1996, at 0900 hours, two Iraqi soldiers were observed digging a canal around the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5300039000 on the map of Sumar, west of border pillar 40/5.

54. On 29 December 1996, at 1430 hours, five Iraqi military vehicles, two armed with machine-guns, were moving along the border strip north of Shalamchah towards the Shalamchah sentry post. Upon reaching the main road, they headed towards Iraq. During this movement of troops, the Iraqi troops stationed at the border were on alert.

55. On 30 December 1996, at 0400 hours, the crew aboard two Iraqi motor boats opened fire at one of the Iranian police bases in the Hoor Al-Hovaiza area. Upon the response of the Iranian police, they fled back into Iraqi territory.

56. On 30 December 1996, at 1000 hours, a number of Iraqi troops were seen constructing an observation post at the geographic coordinates of 39R TP 6700013000 on the map of Alishahr river, north of Ras Al-Bisha, opposite Abtar river.

57. On 30 December 1996, at 1500 hours, five Iraqi soldiers were observed repairing an abandoned embankment around the geographic coordinates of 39R TP 1500018000 on the map of Nim-Eistgah-Hosseinia, east of border pillar 7/24.

58. On 30 December 1996, 40 Iraqi soldiers aboard eight vehicles were observed moving around the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 5300034000 on the map of Ghasr-e-Shirin, south-east of Chia-Sorkh in Iraq and north of Gomrok-Kohna and Majid-Salar in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

59. On 31 December 1996, at 1630 hours, the Iraqi troops increased the number of their personnel by 10 soldiers at the geographic coordinates of 38R QV 5500062000 on the map of the area of south of Hoor Al-Hovaiza, in no man's land, north of border pillar 14/A5 and south of border pillar 14B and at the geographic coordinates of 38R QV 5500057000 and 38R QV 5500056000 on the map of the area west of Jofeir-2, in no man's land, north of border pillar 14/A5.

It would be highly appreciated if the text of the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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